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Previous references.

File No. 380-16.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1-3.

Part B for May. 17.

SUBJECT.

Succession to Sirigere old Inam in the Chital Drug Taluk.

To, Dy. Comm. Chitaldrug. No. 2738. D. 4-5-17.

Informs that as the Inam does not enjoy the distinction of a Munz. msktn the Govt decline to recognize the succession of the Swamy in question.

W D 88—GPB—50,000—24-7-16

to R. Appadurai.
For. VII. D. 25-5-17.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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FILE HEADING.

Succession to Siigere old watt in the Chitaldrug Taluk.

From

The Dy. Commr, Chitaldrug Dist

No. 227 Dated 5-1-1917 Received

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Reports that both the pujari and the charanti muni of the old Siigere watt have expired without making any satisfactory arrangement for the management of the affairs of the institn, that though the watt is a non-muzrai institn, it owns valuable property and that he has directed the Amildar to secure all the valuable property with a view to take action under sec 25 of Muz. Regn and promises a further report in the matter.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Maybe promised further report may be awaited.

15/2/17

15-2-17

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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1	Subd (5 1st) members for information. The previous further report when D.C. comes may then be awaited Lis 17.2.17
3	Yes Seen 19/2 Lis 15.2.17
2.	From, the Dy Commr, Chitaldrug Dist. Letter no. 227 Dt 10.3.1917. Requests formal approval to the succession of Marularadhya Sankaralingappa of Maidur, Hanapanahalli Taluq, to Pattada Swami of Sirigere old-Mutt, under the titular name of Guru Sanda Swami. It. The Dy. Commrs. report goes exhaustively into the facts of the case. It is reported that the previous Pattada Swami – Sivalinga Swami – died some 6 years ago, that a number of disciples amounting to about 5000 assembled at Sirigere on 1st and 2nd Feby. 1917 and elected Marularadhya Sankaralingappa, who is aged about 22 years and who has passed the Lower Secondary

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examination and was a school master also.

5 A printed copy of G.O. No. 233-42 Dy 14th Dec. 1892. Laying down Rules for the recession of Swamis to Mutts is put up. Under rule 1, the recession requires the approval of H.H. The Maharaja.

[illegible] New Charanti and Viakta Swamis have also been elected; but the Dy. Commr does not recommend sanction to their nomination.

6 The Dy. Commr recommends early sanction, as the new Swami has applied to him for Rahasdais.

7. In an application to Govt for Rahasdais the new Pattada Swami states that he was ordained as Swami of the Mutt on 2-2-1917, and Charanti and Viakka Swamis were similarly initiated into their respective positions on 3-2-1917, and requests that the recession of 3 Swamis including himself may be recognized by Govt.

Submitted. It is a point for consideration whether the matter should go up to H.H. as the Mutt is not

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enjoying any Govt grant.
The honors enjoyed by the Mutts appear to be of a very ordinary nature and are stated to be not supported by any Royal grant or Sanad. (Vide para 8 of G.O of 29th Octr 1908).

1 Palaki
2 Mena
3 Kempu Chatri
4 Kalalé
5 Chamara
6 Aflagere
7 Gaggarakattige
8 Yettinamele-Nagara

9. 14/3/17 Put up file relating to the honours granted to this matt. I think it contains some discussion about the position of the Matt.

Also file about the succession to Adichunchigiri Matt Nagamangala where it was decided that only successions to Pontifical Matts need be recognised by Govt.

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17.3.17

(4 Inams ... Govt. ... 29-14)

10 Mucz. D. No 68-08 Rs 1-2 relating to the honors of Sirigere old Mattand Mucz. D. No. 431-15 Rs 1-4 relating to the succession to Adichunchina giri matt in the Nagamangala Taluk, are herewith submitted

11. Please see pages 40 & 42 for O/C D. No. 68-08 for the origin

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12 The origin and status of this matt is discussed at length in file no 68 of 1908 and a reference is invited to the detailed minute of the then Dy Commissioner (Mr K. P. Puttanna Chetty) at page 38 et seq of the Miscellaneous in the file. There seems to be little doubt that this was set up about a little over 100 years ago by certain seceders from the Muzri Matt and for some years after the movement was discouraged ~~by~~ ruling by His late Highness Sri Krishna Raj Wadeyar III but was also discountenanced by Col Macleod and other Officers of the British Commission.

13 Somehow the movement had come to stay and gathered force and the next attempt appears to have been to establish a right to display certain marks whereby to give a dignity and status to the Matt. A finding was secured in favour of the Matt from the Jud Asst Commr on the score that the tradition

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claimed were ordinary ones and on the strength of this finding and subsequent use, the Govt. have also in their order of 25th Oct 1905 permitted their use undisturbed.

11 The presiding Swami of the Matt is said to have died 8 years ago and a few months ago the Vicakarasami and Charanikarasami who were subordinate positions also died, leaving the Matt without a responsible head. At the beginning of Feb 2 the disciples Congregated in large numbers and in an orderly meeting chose three persons to fill their places. They are reported to have been since inducted to the Office of Upadesiar.

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The Dt Collr has reported that the succession of the Pattadar Swami may be recognized by Govt. as is required under the Rules published with G.O no Mis 1102-12 dated 4th Dec 1914.

15 I am doubtful if the rules in question apply to the case. It is expressly laid down that the rules relate only to Matts enjoying 'Govt. grants in land or money or honours granted by the Sovereign

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The matter carries no grant-in-land or money. Neither are the honours derived from the Sovereign. They were apparently used surreptitiously and latterly as a matter of prescriptive right. An order of Govt. recognising Succession in such cases, would tantamount to a recognition of the priestly office of the institution, a position now denied to it by Govt. and objected to by other recognised Mutts. This is perhaps what is intended by the petn received from the Swamiji himself requesting recognition.

16 In this connection reference is invited to a passage in the Secretary Govt's note dated 21.8.1916 page 67 of file No 68 wherein he declines to recommend the special privilege or right granted for the Antiquities permitted to be used by the Mutt.

17 Under the circumstances the Dy Commr may be informed that the rules of 1892 do not apply to the case in point.

Sd
13.4.17

1st Member. Agreed

Draft Sd 13/4/17 Secy

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	draft approved by the 1st member. 22.4.17 22/4/17
	Subd to Dewan lea 24.4.17
	6150/26.4.17 draft approved by the Dewan 28.4.17
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3	No: 2738 dt 4.5.17, 2 Govt. children drop dft, Informs him that as the Govt does not enjoy the distinction of a nuz dyn, they decline to recognize the succession of the Rao in question

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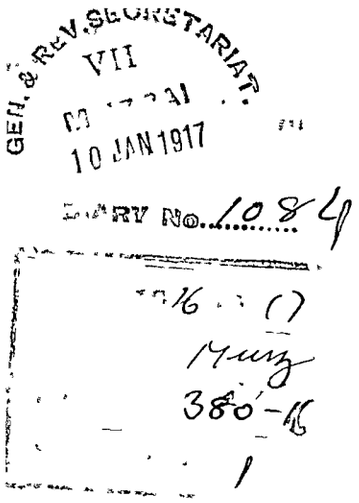

Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District

8 JAN 1917

To

The Secretary to Government of
H H the Maharaja of Mysore
Genl Department, Bangalore

Dated 5th January 1917

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Ref
~~General~~ No. on C No 227 Misc 916-17
No.

Enclosure No. -

Reporting the death of both the Guru and the Charanthe Murthe of Sringere Matt & the arrangement made to secure all the valuable property of the matt.

Office the Deputy Commissioner

Chitaldrug District

Dated Chitaldrug 5th January 1917

From

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esquire B.A.,

Deputy Commissioner,

C H I T A L D R U G.

To

D. M. Narasinga Rao Esquire B.A.,B.L.,

Secretary to the Government of

H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,

General Department, Bangalore.

S I R,

I have the honor to state that it is reported that both the Guru and the charanti murti of the Sadhu Lingayet Matt at Sirigere otherwise known as Sirigere old Matt in the Chitaldrug Taluk (referred to in Government order No. 101-10/Muz.68-18-2 dated 29th October 1908) have expired without making any satisfactory arrangement for the management of the affairs of the Matt. Although the Matt is not endowed with cash Tasdik or inam land, it is understood that it owns valuable property. I have therefore directed the Amildar to secure all the valuables property under lock and seal pending further orders and to submit a detailed report in the matter with a view to the necessary action being taken under section 25 of the Muzrai Regulation.

On receipt of the Amildar's report a further report will be submitted in the matter.

I have the honor to be,

S I R,

Your most obedient servant,

for ~~Deputy Commissioner~~,

Chitaldrug District.

S.V.

Before the Muzrai Secretary to the

Government of Mysore at B a n g a l o r e.

Miscellaneous Petition No.

of 1916-17.

Petitioner ... ... Gurusantaswami of Sirigere Dodda mata.

The petitioner above named respectfully begs to submit as follows:--

1. The Sirigere Tharalabalu Dodda Mata is a mutt at Sirigere, Chitaldroog Taluk of the Sadar Lingayat Community and is enjoying certain rights and privileges from Government.

2. The Pattadaswami of the said Mutt, viz, Sivalingaswami, died some six years ago and until December 1916 the Mutt was under the management of the Charanti and Virakta Swamis attached thereto.

3. Both the Swamies above referred to died in December last, since when, the Mutt and its properties have practically been in the hands of the Government.

4. The petitioner above-named is the duly and unanimously elected and ordained Swami of the Mutt, his election having taken place on or about 2-2-1917, with the sanction of the Deputy Commissioner of Chittaldrug and in the presence of the Amildar Chittaldrug - Taluk.

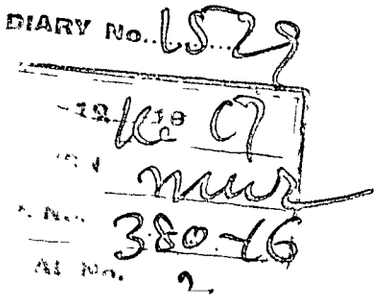
5. On the day following, i.e., on 3-2-1917 the Charanti and Virakta Swamis also were similarly elected and initiated into their respective positions in

in the Mutt. All the Mutt properties are in his possession.

6. The petitioner respectfully prays that the approval and sanction of His Highness' Government may kindly be accorded and the petitioner and the two other Swamis above referred to may kindly be recognised as the duly appointed Swamies and permitted and authorised to exercise and enjoy the rights and privileges of their respective offices.

7. A recommendation from the Taluk and the District Authorities will in due course be before the Government in this connection.

8. The petitioner respectfully prays that as he is about to go out travelling in the Districts of Chittaldrug, Kadur and Shimoga of the Mysore State and also in parts of British India, a license may be granted to him to carry about with him in his travels the usual honours and insignia that, according to Government Proceedings dated 29-10-1908, he is entitled and authorised to make use of, on such occasions.



From

The Deputy Commissioner
Chitaldrug District.

To

The Secretary to the Govt of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore
Genl. Department, Bangalore

Dated 9. 3. 1917

Despatched 10. 3 1917

Received

Reference ~~General~~ No. C. No. 227 Mising of 16-17

No.

Enclosure No. 2

Requests that formal approval may be accorded to the succession of Marularadhya Sankaralingappa of Maidur of the Harapanahalli taluk aged about 22 years as Pattada Swami of Siregere Mall under the title of Gurusantasiva &c. &c.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Chitaldrug District
Dated Camp Bharamasagar the 9th March 17

From

C. S Balasundaram Ayr, Esquire BA
Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District

To

D. Jn Narasingadas, Esquire, BA BL
Secretary to the Government of H.H
the Maharaja of Mysore
General Department,
Bangalore

Sir,

In Continuation of this Office letter Report
No 227/Misc dated 5th Jany 17 reporting the death
of the Lingayat Old Matt, I have the honor
to report as follows:-

This matt known as the
Lingayat Old matt has as its followers
a large section of the people known as
Sadar Lingayats. It enjoys no inam
lands or Cash grant from Government;
but

but is entitled to the marginally noted

insignia (Vide

1 Palaki
2 Mena
3 Kempuchatri
4 Kahali
5 Chamara
6 Aftagiri
7 Gaggarakattige
8 Yethinamele Nagari.

procurement notes
No 101-10/mw368 of 2
dated 29th October 1908).

Usually the matt is presided over by a pattadaswami who is titular head of the institution. There is also a person called a Viakta-swami who holds some spiritual relation to the Pattadaswami, but whose exact position and functions, I have not been able to gather. There is also a Charanti Swami, who looks after the management of the institution on the temporal side. In this Sirsegere Ob matt, the previous pattadaswami known as Sivalinga-swami died some six years ago and

No one was appointed to his place, the persons responsible not having been able to decide upon a suitable successor. The mutt continued to be managed by the Charanthiswami and Viraktiswami, both of whom died quite suddenly of plague, as it is understood, a few months ago, without making any arrangements for the succession to the mutt. The disciples of the mutt then took steps in the matter and a large number of them, amounting to about 5000 assembled at Soriyur on the 1st and 2nd February to elect three new swamies to fill the places of the Pattadaswami, the Charanthiswami and the Viraktaswami.

Mr. Kesaviah, Amildar of the Chitaldrug Taluk was present at the time, as was also Mr. B. Venkatasumanna, Advocate and member of the Legislative Council, who used to be the legal adviser of the matt previously. The proceedings were Conducted in a fairly orderly fashion and resulted in the selection of our Marulasadhya Sankaralingappa of Maidur of the Harapanahally Taluk aged about 22 years for the place of the Pattada-Swami; Siddalingappa of Yedehally was similarly selected for the place of Charanti Swami and Maha- of Thulahally village, Kudligi Taluk -deva swami (sons Virakta swami

After the selection, necessary religious Ceremonies were gone through

The new Pattadaseramai is understood to have passed the Lower Secondary Examination and to have been a School master also. He is stated to be suitable for the office to which he has been selected.

Since the matter is entitled to the insignia granted by His Highness, the Succession requires the approval of His Highness. Owing to the sudden death of the Chamundi and Visakti Swamies, new Swamies had to be selected by the disciples and it was impossible to say beforehand when the choice would fall and to obtain previous approval. The new Swamies intends going out on tour

with the insignias granted to the math and has asked for the usual sanadaries. But, as formal approval to the accession has to be accorded, I have asked him to await the orders of Government.

5 In these circumstances, I request ~~that~~ formal approval may be accorded to the succession of the aforesaid Narula-radhya Sankaralingappa as Pattada swami of the Sirigere Math under the title of Guru Sanka Swami.

6. I enclose herein for information and return, a petition presented by Mr. B Venkatasubbaiah, Advocate on behalf of the Swami of the Math and Solicit the favor of Early orders.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

C S Balasundaram
Deputy Commissioner
Chitaldrug

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SUBJECT..... Informs that the rules of 1892 re the succession of Gurus to Matts do not apply to the old Sirigiri Matt at Chitaldurg.

Diary No. of letter replied to 1529

Section

File No. 380 16

Serial No. 3

General and Revenue Secretariat

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No. 2738 Enc 2.

Date of issue 4th May 1917

Signed by Mr G Aravamudachar

To

The Deputy Commr

Chitaldurg.

Sir,

Adverting to corres-
pondence ending with
your letter No: 227 dated
10-3-17 reporting that
the desciples of the old
Sirigiri Matt at Chitaldurg
have elected one Marula-
radhya of Maidur,
Harpanahalli Taluk,

Gen 9/25

as Pattadaswami of the
said Matt in place of the
late Swami who died about
six years ago and requesting
that the succession of the
Pattadaswami under the
titular name of Gurusantaswami
may be graciously approved
by His Highness the Maharajah
as is required under the
rules of 14th Dec 1892, I am
directed to state that the
said rules do not apply to
the case in point as the
Matt in question does not
enjoy any Govt grant nor
is the Swami in enjoyment
of any honours under a
Sanad from His Highness.

The enclosures received with the
above are herewith returned
I have &c -

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Joint Secy to Govt
Mucy. Deptt

List of enclosures.

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